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George II Silver toddy/ punch
ladle , William Kersill, London
,1759.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1114729

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 33 cm (13.0")

Width = 9.1 cm (3.6")

Depth = 3.1 cm (1.2")

Description

Antique 1759 William Kersill gilt sterling silver punch ladle with ebony handle. This elegant sterling silver punch ladle, crafted in London in 1759 by William Kersill, features a beautifully chased bowl adorned with intricate floral motifs, foliage, and scrolls. The long handle, likely made from polished ebony wood, adds both durability and a refined contrast to the silver. The ladle is monogrammed at the bottom of the spout, adding a personalised touch. The interior of the bowl is subtly gold-washed. Historical background: In the early 18th century, communal punch drinking was a fashionable practice, but by mid-century, silver punch ladles became a symbol of refinement in genteel circles. These ladles were used to elegantly transfer punch from the bowl to individual glasses and were considered a luxury item, making them an expensive fashion statement. This piece, fully hallmarked for London, 1759, is an excellent example of 18th-century English silver craftsmanship. The use of ebony for the handle reflects the period's preference for materials that offered both practicality and sophistication. Maker: William Kersill Assay office: London Date: 1759 Dimensions: Weight...

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